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S E C R E T BELGRADE 5277

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EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, ET, US, YO
SUBJ: YUGOSLAV TRANSFER OF M-47 TANKS TO ETHIOPIA - QUERY
BY FRENCH MILITARY ATTACHE

REF: A) BELGRADE 4831 B) PARIS 20195

1. FRENCH MILITARY ATTACHE APPROACHED ARMY ATTACHE
AT SOCIAL GATHERING AUGUST 3 AND ASKED HIM
WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT YUGOSLAV TRANSFER OF QUOTE 50
M-47 TANKS UNQUOTE TO ETHIOPIA. ARMY ATTACHE WAS ABLE
TO DUCK QUESTION GRACEFULLY AS CONVERSATION FORTUITOUSLY
INTERRUPTED.

2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S INFORMING US ASAP
WHETHER ANY INFORMATION ON TRANSFER OF M-47'S HAS BEEN
GIVEN FRENCH IN EITHER WASHINGTON OR PARIS AND, IF SO, HOW
MUCH WAS REVEALED AND WITH WHAT REQUESTED STRICTURES ON
FRENCH DISCLOSURE TO OTHERS. IF NOT ALREADY DONE, REQUEST
ADVISE ON WHETHER AND WHEN IT CONTEMPLATED.

3. EMBASSY IS, OF COURSE, WELL AWARE USG MAY NOT
HAVE BEEN SOURCE OF FRENCH MILATT'S INFORMATION,
WHICH COULD WELL HAVE ORIGINATED FROM FRENCH INTELLIGENCE

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SOURCES. HOWEVER, FRENCH APPEAR AWARE IN AT LEAST
APPROXIMATE TERMS OF WHAT HAS TAKEN PLACE AND WE
BELIEVE IT IS IN USG INTEREST TO ATTEMPT TO LIMIT
FRENCH DISCLOSURE TO OR DISCUSSION OF SUBJECT
WITH OTHERS. HENCE, WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO DEPARTMENT'S
PASSING ON INFORMATION TO FRENCH, EITHER IN WASHINGTON OR
PARIS (REF 2) AS LONG AS FRENCH AGREE TO KEEP MATTER

CONFIDENTIAL. IN ANY CASE, WE WILL CONTINUE TO AVOID
PASSING ON ANYTHING TO FRENCH HERE UNTIL DEPT. AUTHORIZES
US TO DO SO.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PROMPT RESPONSE.
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